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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 10/06/2003 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month      ☐ Two months      ☐ Three months      ☐ Four months      ☐ Five months

from: 01/06/2004                      until: 02/06/2004  
Date    Date

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	29 -	25 =	4	x \$18.00	\$72.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	3 =	1	x \$86.00	\$86.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$158.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$110.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$268.00

**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

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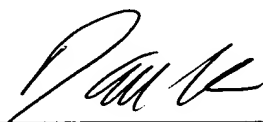
The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$268.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1673(9362) in the amount of \$268.00
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1673(9362)
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.

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Dated:

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 01/07/2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



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